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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1821

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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS ON VAROSHA PROPOSAL

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GOC SPOKESMAN IN REPLY TO QUESTION
JULY 21 SAID THAT IF TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE WOULD SUBMIT
VAROSHA OFFER ALONG WITH NEW PROPOSALS WHICH WERE SUBSTANTIVE
AND CONCRETE, WERE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS, AND
WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES AGREED TO WITH UNSYG WALD-
HEIM, THEN GOC WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEM. SPOKESMAN
SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT DENKTASH'S VAROSHA OFFER WAS MADE WITH
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A VIEW TO LIFTING U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY AND REPEATED
CHARGE THAT A SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL INSPIRED VAROSHA
PROPOSAL.

2. COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES MET WITH PRES-
IDENT KYPRIANOU JULY 21 TO REVIEW VAROSHA OFFER. AFTER MEETING,
COMMITTEE STATED THAT IT AGREED WITH PRESIDENT THAT MOTIVE BE-

HIND OFFER WAS TO LIFT EMBARGO AND THAT MORE MEANINGFUL GESTURE WOULD HAVE BEEN OFFER BY DENKTASH TO RETURN ENTIRE GREEK SECTION OF FAMAGUSTA TO GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROL. IN SPITE OF THIS APPARENT MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES, SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY PAPER AMMOKHOSTOS, WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES' THINKING, CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR NOT CAREFULLY STUDYING VAROSHA OFFER BEFORE REJECTING IT. PAPER ALSO COMMENTED THAT IF OFFER WAS RESULT OF U.S. PRESSURE ON TURKEY, THEN IT WAS MOST WELCOME AND SUCH PRESSURE SHOULD CONTINUE.

3. EDITORIAL REACTION IN JULY 22 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS TO KYPRIANOU'S REJECTION OF VAROSHA OFFER IS MIXED. RIGHTWING PAPERS AGON AND SIMERINI ARE CRITICAL OF REJECTION; WHILE QUESTIONING MOTIVES BEHIND OFFER, PAPERS COMMENT THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY STUDIED AND THAT A DOCUMENTATED REPLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED. SOCIALIST TA NEA AND PRO-GOVERNMENT ELEF-THERI KYPROS ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH KYPRIANOU'S HANDLING OF MATTER. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI AVOIDS COMMENTING ON VAROSHA OFFER OR GOC RESPONSE. MOST PAPERS GIVE PROMINENT STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF U.S. AND BRITISH FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON OFFER.

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS DEVOTES MAJOR COVERAGE TO REACTIONS TO THE DENKTASH OPEN LETTER, EMPHASIZING DEPARTMENT & FCO SPOKESMEN'S STATEMENTS. LARGEST CIRCULATION HALKIN SESI GIVES TOP PROMINENCE TO THE PETITION SIGNED BY 100 GREEK CYPRIOT
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FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES FOR GOC NOT TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL WITHOUT CAREFUL STUDY. OTHER ARTICLES REPORT ON GOC PROTEST TO USG & UPCOMING SENATE EMBARGO VOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU APPEARS TO BE BUILDING MEASURE OF SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION AMONG REFUGEES, HE IS HAVING CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULTY IN IN DOING SO THAN HE DID IN CASE OF MARCH TURKISH CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. FAMAGUSTA REFUGEES ARE ONLY PARTIALLY AND RELUCTANTLY GOING ALONG, AND MAY STILL PROVE TO BE TROUBLESOME TO PRESIDENT.
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